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Sir:

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The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts or the attached English translations.

A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) was filed in the present application on June 11, 2003, and a first Office Action has not issued since the filing of the RCE.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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